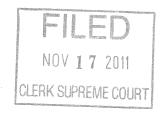
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA



Request for public comment)
regarding proposed amendments)
to rules concerning) Order
attorney discipline procedures,)
continuing legal education,)
client trust accounts, and)
client security claims)

The Office of Professional Regulation has recommended adoption of a series of amendments to Division III (Professional Regulation) of the Iowa Rules of Court. Among other things, the proposed amendments are intended to speed up the prosecution and disposition of complaints of unethical conduct, strengthen client trust account reconciliation and record retention procedures, increase the continuing legal education requirement for ethics education, allow ethics CLE credit for instruction concerning substance abuse and mental health problems, and clarify the circumstances when the client security trust fund may cover claims arising from misconduct that occurred while an attorney was suspended from the practice of law.

The supreme court seeks public comment on the proposed amendments prior to taking further action on them. Copies of the proposed amendments and a summary of them can be found at www.iowacourts.gov/Supreme_Court/Orders/. In addition, copies are available at the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. Comments about a proposed rule must refer to the specific rule number (for example, Rule 9.3(2)) and the specific numbered line or lines to which the comments are directed. Comments sent by email must be e-mailed

to rules.comments@iowacourts.gov, must state "OPR" in the subject line of the e-mail, and must be sent as an attachment to the e-mail in Microsoft Word format. Instead of submission by email, comments may be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319. The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on January 17, 2012.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2011.

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

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